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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA GREAT FALLS DIVISION

In Re:	MJ 17-53-GF-JTJ
Various Sealed Search Warrants.	
	MOTION TO MAINTAIN CASES UNDER SEAL (PER STANDING ORDER No. BMM-17)

The United States, by and through Jeffrey K. Starnes, Assistant U.S.

Attorney for the District of Montana, requests this Honorable Court to maintain the above-captioned case under seal permanently.

The above-captioned case relates to a sex-trafficking and drug investigation involving two minor females on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. In furtherance of that investigation, the United States applied for several search warrants for

social media accounts belonging to the juvenile females as well as their mother.

In those search warrant affidavits, several cooperating witnesses and informants

were listed by name in order to facilitate the Court's determination of probable

cause. The government thus moves to seal those papers permanently in order to

prevent those individual's names from being readily discovered, which could cause

unwarranted attention and damage to their reputation, as well as to maintain the

privacy of the juveniles involved.

Finally, after further consideration, the United States withdraws its earlier-

noted request to maintain case no. MJ 17-19-GF-JTJ under seal.

DATED this 17th day of February 2022.

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